

20 wherein the memory device outputs the data synchronously with  
21 respect to the external clock signal, during a plurality of clock  
22 cycles of the external clock signal and in accordance with the  
23 value stored in the time delay register.

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1 185. The method of claim 184 wherein the value is hard wired.

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1 186. The method of claim 184 wherein the block size  
2 information and the first read request are included in the same  
3 request.

187. The method of claim 184 wherein the block size  
information and the second read request are included in the same  
request.

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1 188. The method of claim 184 wherein the value represents a  
2 fraction or whole number of clock cycles of the external clock  
3 signal.

#### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment seeks to place this application in condition for allowance. The instant application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/196,199. Application Serial No. 09/196,199 is pending.

In this continuation application, Applicants present new claims which set forth novel and unobvious features of Applicants'

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invention. Applicants submit new claims 151-188 to more fully protect the instant invention. No new matter has been added.

These newly submitted claims are believed to be fully supported by the specification -- see, for example, Figures 2 and 10-13; page 14, line 3 to page 15, line 2; page 15, lines 18 to page 16, line 7; page 20, line 20 to page 21, line 20; page 23, line 6 to page 24, line 2; page 27, line 23 to page 28, line 20; page 46, line 19 to page 48, line 17; page 53, line 23 to page 59, line 2; page 71, line 23 to page 72, line 21, page 73, lines 20 to page 74, line 31; and page 115, lines 10-22.

In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to correct obvious spelling, typographical and grammatical errors. No new matter has been added.

Finally, accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is a Request to Approve Drawing Changes. In that Request, Applicants seek to amend Figure 10 to more fully reflect the discussion in the specification, in particular, page 55, lines 12-16 and page 58, lines 13-23. The proposed changes are indicated in red. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the proposed changes to Figure 10. A new Figure 10 which incorporates the changes is also attached to the Request.

#### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination of this continuation application. Applicants submit that all of the claims present patentable subject matter which definitely set forth the novel and unobvious features

of Applicants' invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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